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Deskside Chats



"Words Without Knowledge"

A COMMITTEE is a good place to study character—and also to develop it.

Remembering this not only makes the time pass faster, it also adds much value to the hours every church leader must spend in committee meetings. It opens the window for a good close look at human nature.

Thinking back over many years of committee work, I find that one particular type of individual has often captured my unhappy attention. It is the person who feels compelled to comment on every subject. Uninhibited by lack of knowledge and experience, he is an instant reactor. And his ideas are often as far out as they are fluently expressed. When he asks for the floor, the stifled feelings of exasperation around the room are almost audible.

It is not a new problem. A long time ago God listened in on an informal committee meeting that went on for several days. Those in attendance were Job, his three "miserable comforters," and a young man named Elihu. Even a good man like Job was talking too much, and God finally took over the meeting with a shattering question: "Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?" (Job 38:2)

Another famous Bible character, Peter, struggled with the same propensity. For a long time his impetuous pronouncements came close to cancelling out his considerable talents. Once he precipitated a small crisis for Jesus by his unfortunate remarks to the Internal Revenue people. On another occasion when the Saviour, towel and basin in hand, knelt before him at the Last Supper, Peter cried: "Thou shalt never wash my feet." And on the Mount of Transfiguration, though overwhelmed by the awesome glimpse of divine glory, he came up with an irrelevant and totally impractical suggestion. The record states the sad and simple truth: "He wist not what to say." (Mark 9:6)

One shining fact gives us great courage: God did not give up on Job, or Peter, or a host of others who were well-known for their quick tongues. Many of them, their energies tamed and personalities refined, later became honored spokesmen for the divine program. They are our examples.

Committee meetings will be with us till the end. Good judgment prevails and wisdom is multiplied when we seek collective understanding. Our opinions are important, our suggestions are needed. Let's just make sure we are not listed as one "that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge."

Cordially,

P. H. Eldridge

Paul H. Eldridge, President



To Ponder . . .

MR. C. C. Llaguno, parent-home secretary for the South Philippine Union, has sent us the following articles which were written by students of Matutum View Academy during Christian Home Week. We are withholding names of writers, though obviously, you will recognize one has been penned by a young man and the other by a young lady.

My Idea of an Ideal Wife

"The ideal wife for me is a woman who is capable of rearing and training our future children in the right pathway of a Christian life. Therefore, she must be a devout Seventh-day Adventist with a strong spiritual foundation. She must be a regular church goer and must have the love for missionary work.

"She must be a woman who loves children and doesn't easily get bored with them. She must be a wife who loves the whole family—including her in-laws. She must be a good mother and a good playmate to her children. She should also be a good sport, sociable, and able to mix with the elite and also the lower income group people.

"She should be able to endure hardships in life, able to stand by me in prosperity and in poverty; in health and in sickness. She should be able to smile in spite of hardships and disappointments that may come to our family.

"She must be a nurse too to her family. She must know how to administer first aid, and above all she must know how to apply the tender loving care that a patient needs. She should not panic during critical situations. Rather, she should be courageous and wise to set her mind in solving the problems that will confront our family.

"An ideal wife is one who is an expert in nutrition and has an extra talent in doing numerous things. She must be a wise spender, a fair judge, an attraction to the whole family, a faithful leader, and a model guide, especially during her husband's absence."

My Idea of an Ideal Husband

"Piercing deep in the thought of a young lady to be a future wife, are imaginations of aesthetic values.

"Within me at present, lie the golden dreams and wishes to live a joyous life with my future life companion, to be a good asset to my home, to the

community, and to my beloved country, especially to be prepared for the heavenly home. All of these are under the guiding hand of the Almighty, on my commitment to Him.

"My desired husband-to-be is a man of love, one who will cherish his wife, be loyal to his marriage vows, be compassionate and considerate. He will be well-informed concerning what makes a happy marriage. At every opportunity he will practice little kindnesses which contribute to the enjoyment of life at its best. He is refined and courteous whenever he exercises his authority with firmness, humility, and courage. He knows how to establish a little paradise on earth for his beloved wife and children.

"He is a man who will be a real mate in the home where fear of God reigns. He will be able to provide cheerful relaxations, and labor-saving devices. He will be an active and healthy head of the family, willing to help in various duties in the home.

"Reaching the height of being a house-band, unity is his supreme goal. His wife and children will look up to him as a real husband and father."

TO STRENGTHEN THE HOME

Marion S. Simmons

"Outlook" to Be Indexed by S.D.A. Periodical Index

BEGINNING with the January 1973, issue, the major articles in the Far Eastern Division **Outlook** are being indexed and will be listed in the new Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index at Loma Linda University.

This index is an author and subject approach to the articles in the magazines published by the Adventist denomination. It will be published twice annually and cumulated in one volume every two years. Subscription price is US\$25 annual (\$50 biennial) including the two-year cumulated volume. However, a Xerox copy of any article will be available on request at a charge of 15 cents per page; minimum total per order, \$1.00. For further information write: S.D.A. Periodical Index, University Libraries, Loma Linda University, Riverside, California, 92505.

Cover Photo

They came smiling and happy, nearly 2,000 of them, from all parts of the Republic of the Philippines. The place was Baguio, a mountain resort area on Luzon Island, and the event was the Third National Convention of Literature Evangelists. The three lady delegates on the cover show the enthusiasm typical of this large group of literature evangelists. For the full story and other pictures, turn to pages 5, 6, and 7. Cover photo by the editor.



NEW. Dr. O. C. Edwards has been appointed secretary of education for the Far Eastern Division. Dr. and Mrs. Edwards and daughter Landa, a student at Far Eastern Academy, are shown above.

Two Appointments Made to F.E.D. By General Conference Committee

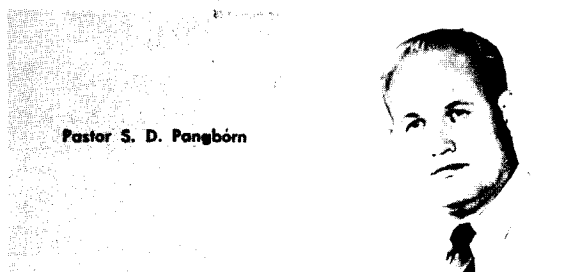
THE General Conference executive committee has made two appointments to vacancies in the staff of the Far Eastern Division.

Dr. O. C. Edwards, currently vice-president for development of Philippine Union College, has been appointed new secretary of the department of education, Far Eastern Division. He replaces Dr. Boyd Olson.

Pastor S. D. Pangborn, who had served as an associate secretary of the publishing department, has been named secretary. He replaces Pastor M. R. Lyon.

Both of these appointments had the recommendation of the Far Eastern Division committee.

—D. A. Roth



Pastor S. D. Pangborn

Lyon Family Leaves Division

A 20-year veteran of denominational publishing work, Pastor Melvin R. Lyon, has terminated his services with the Far Eastern Division and is now the publishing secretary of the North Pacific Union Conference, Portland, Oregon.

For the past six years he has been associated with the Division publishing department, first as associate secretary to Pastor E. A. Brodeur and then as secretary of the department.

Before coming to the Division office Pastor Lyon served first in the West Indonesia Union and then in the Japan Union.

Pastor Lyon started his work as a colporteur in the Iowa Conference following graduation from

Union College in Nebraska. After serving as assistant publishing secretary in the Alabama-Mississippi and Potomac Conferences, he became secretary of the publishing department of the Iowa Conference in 1961. Two years later he was asked to become an overseas worker for the denomination in the Far Eastern Division.

Mrs. Lyon has served as a valued worker in the accounting office of the Division. They have four girls, one in college, two at Far Eastern Academy, and one in elementary school.

During his service in the Far East Pastor Lyon has given outstanding leadership in colporteur institutes, training sessions, and other meetings where promotion was given to the sale of gospel literature. The Lyons will be missed by their many friends in the Far Eastern Division.



Dr. Boyd Olson



Pastor M. R. Lyon

Olsons Move to Oregon

DR. Boyd Olson, for the past 12 years secretary of the department of education of the Far Eastern Division, has terminated his services in Singapore and returned to his homeland. His long-time office associate, Mrs. Olson, also has served an equal time in the Division office. They will be connected with the Oregon Conference department of education.

A native of Colorado, Dr. Olson received his secondary education at Campion Academy and then graduated from Union College in 1939. He received his master's degree at the Colorado State College of Education and his doctorate at the University of Nebraska.

The Olsons have three children, two girls and a boy. One of them, Judy Aitken, is the wife of a ministerial worker in the Thailand Mission. Jane is the wife of a minister, and Jon is a student at Loma Linda University, La Sierra campus.

Dr. Olson was sent by the Division in 1965 to obtain his doctorate in Nebraska. Aside from this study leave and furlough time, he has worked untiringly for the advancement of Christian education in the Far Eastern Division.

The Olsons will be missed by their fellow workers in the Far Eastern Division. We wish them well in their new work in Portland, Oregon.

—D. A. Roth

1,850 Literature Evangelists Meet in Baguio

by Flor B. Conopio, Associate Editor,
Philippine Publishing House

THE world's largest convention of literature evangelists was held March 11 to 17 at the Teachers' Camp, Baguio City. This quadrennial tri-union convention was a pageant of Philippine literature evangelists spotlighting their evangelistic prospects, challenges, and opportunities in the literature work.

Thirty-two Pantranco buses transported the delegates to the convention site leaving the campus of the Philippine Publishing House at 7:30 on Sunday morning, March 11. The first bus reached Teachers' Camp at 1:30 in the afternoon, the last at 2:30. A traffic control mobile team escorted the mile-long convoy.

At eight o'clock Monday morning the convention officially started with a mammoth parade of 1,850 delegates—296 were credentialed, 1,217 were licensed, 235 were union and mission officers, and 102 were convention guests. The parade was a colorful display of costumes identifying the 14 missions of the three Philippine unions. Impressive were the delegates waving banners as they marched in three columns with the three union publishing leaders, carrying their union pennants, at the head of each column. The Philippine Military Academy Band provided marching music.

Pastor P. H. Eldridge, president of the Far Eastern Division, was the keynote speaker, and Pastor Bruce M. Wickwire, an associate publishing secretary of the General Conference, attended as a special guest speaker. E. L. Villanueva, Philippine Publishing House manager, delivered the opening remarks. Other guests who spoke were Pastor Bruce Johnston, Far Eastern Division evangelist, and Pastor B. E. Jacobs, Far Eastern Division youth activities director. Pastors M. R. Lyon and S. D. Pangborn of the Far Eastern Division publishing department led out in the various plenary sessions.

Of note was the "masterpiece of technical planning" of the convention, according to Pastor Eldridge, who noted that the grand parade and the opening ceremonies started exactly on time. "This is quite a feat, considering that this is the largest gathering of colporteurs ever assembled in any part of the world field," he remarked.

One of the highlights that brought into focus the main objectives of the literature work was the presentation of the Far Eastern Division Silver Star Awards. Among the categories considered in the giving of the awards were the number of persons won to the church, the number of hours worked, and the amount of sales delivered. Consistent leaders for these categories among literature evangelists throughout the Far Eastern Division during the past five

years were Rita Beron (Davao Mission), Isaias Maunes (Davao Mission), Emma Genis (Negros Mission), Serapio Ramasasa (East Visayan Mission), Paz Mercado (Central Luzon Mission), and Catalino Domingo (Central Luzon Mission).

The convention officers were A. W. Santiago, national coordinator; F. D. Lao, coordinator for Luzon; E. N. Dicen, coordinator for the Visayas; E. L. Demiar, coordinator for Mindanao, and E. M. Macalintal, financial coordinator.

They coordinated the daily program with activities that were characterized by goodwill and happy fellowship among the delegates. Among these were the physical fitness program at 5:30 in the morning conducted by Pastor N. R. Aris, North Philippine Union youth activities director; the recreation and the sightseeing trips in the afternoon; the sundown worships at five o'clock; and the community singing sessions.

The Manila Sanitarium and Hospital dietary department was the official food caterer of the convention. Mrs. Rhodie Imperio, nutritionist and dietitian, was assisted by some 60 culinary helpers in serving the delegates.

Each union group sponsored a special evening program where the varied talents of the literature evangelists were on display. The Central Philippine Union dramatized a story of the purchase of the island of Panay and the *ati-atihan*, a traditional yearly festival in Kalibo, Aklan. The South Philippine Union showed the power of the printed page in transforming lives. An impressive parade of the



VISITOR. The main General Conference speaker at the convention was a former publishing secretary of the Far Eastern Division, Pastor Bruce M. Wickwire. He is shown here being greeted at the Baguio airport by a trio of female Filipino colporteur leaders and others. At the right is E. L. Villanueva, manager of the Philippine Publishing House.



SMILES. The three union presidents enthusiastically led the grand parade during the start of the meeting held at the Teachers' Camp in Baguio City. Many of the delegates were dressed in their national costumes.



AWARD. The Silver Star Award is presented to Mrs. Paz Mercado of the Central Luzon Mission by Pastor Bruce M. Wickwire, associate secretary of the publishing department of the General Conference.

literature being disseminated by colporteurs was an added attraction. The North Philippine Union made an impact with its heart-touching musical renditions depicting in an exuberance of colorful costumes and background the triumph of the work of the colporteurs.

During the convention Pastor Lyon announced his permanent return to his homeland in the United States.

A gold plaque of appreciation was presented to Pastor Lyon by the Philippine Publishing House for "outstanding leadership of the publishing program." P.P.H. plaques of recognition were given to the three union publishing leaders and their assistants for "outstanding and meaningful contribution to the publishing program." Western Mindanao Mission received a giant trophy from P.P.H. as an award for efficiency in sales over previous years' sales for the period 1969 to 1971.

Gifts were presented by the colporteurs to Pastors Wickwire, Lyon, and Pangborn, and to H. R. Kehney, who is also returning to the U.S.

"Are we mere scaffoldings about a great structure



that will be dismantled when the building is completed, or are we a part of the building itself?" This was the challenging question of Pastor F. M. Arrogante, president of the Central Philippine Union, during the commitment service Sabbath afternoon, March 17, which brought the convention to a climax. Earlier, Pastor M. G. Jereos, president of the North Philippine Union, and Pastor M. M. Claveria, president of the South Philippine Union, delivered commitment messages. In response, more than 2,000 delegates and visitors accepted and signed commitment pledges signifying their renewed dedication to the literature ministry.

Amid the exchange of fond memories at the close of the convention, the literature evangelists from all over the country bade farewell to one another and then returned to their homes and to their various areas of literature ministry.

TRI-UNION MEET. Below are the literature evangelists of the Philippines. More than 1,800, plus visitors, gathered in Baguio for the Third National Convention of Literature Evangelists.



FOOD. Mrs. Rhodie Imperio, director of food service at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, was in charge of the task of providing food three times a day to the hungry delegates attending the colporteur meeting.





NEWS *from the* UNIONS



JAPAN



SKIING. Beginners attend a skiing course at Japan's northernmost youth camp in Hokkaido.

The Unusual

ON the snow-covered mountains near Sapporo from January 2 to 5 you would have found youth of the Japan Union Mission enjoying Winter Camp. It is conducted every year and is the only one of this nature in the Far Eastern Division.

Winter Camp is not only planned for the physical needs but also the spiritual. The youth of Japan enjoy the study of the Bible and like to spend hours discussing its teachings for today's needs.

—B. E. Jacobs,
F.E.D. Youth Director

Japan Missionary College News Notes

* NORMAN Wendth was director of the 1973 Intensive English Institute which began March 14 on the college campus.

* The second issue of the *Journal of San-iku Gakuin Junior College* came off the press February 4 and contains nine articles, four of them in the English language: R. E. Klimes, "An Axiological Structure for a Theistic Philosophy of Education"; T. Kusayama, "A Study of Literary or Stylistic Features of the Psalms Through Modern English Versions of the Bible"; N. Wendth, "Hawthorne's

Use of Pearl as a Writer's Device in *The Scarlet Letter*"; Anna Klimes, "An Analysis of an Intensive English Institute." The other contributors were: S. Nagakubo, M. Yamagata, Miss C. Ando, I. Ichimura, and I. Tahara.

* Miss M. Kawahara, who for the last two years has been a very faithful typist of these news notes and secretary to the president of San-iku Gakuin has been assigned to serve from April 1 as English teacher of the high school division.

* Recently the Ministry of Education has authorized the accredited junior college to offer a teacher training program leading to the junior high school English teaching certificate. In connection with this program, a number of new academic appointments were approved by the Ministry of Education: S. Kunihiro, professor of educational psychology; R. Klimes, professor of education; M. Hirota and S. Tabuchi, assistant professors of moral education; C. Ando, assistant professor of methods of teaching English; T. Kusayama, instructor of education; and H. Yanami, instructor of education.

* The San-iku Gakuin College board of directors voted on December 13 to apply to the Chiba prefecture for the purchase of the Otaki property on the basis of the present master plan, with the understanding that the establishment of one or two schools will be further studied.

—Rudy E. Klimes, President



Presidents, Past and Present

W. T. Clark, president of the Japan Union from 1959 to 1967, C. B. Watts, president from 1967 to 1972, and Dr. S. Kunihiro, newly appointed president, share a moment during the Japan Union annual committee in Yokohama recently. Pastor Clark is now the secretary of the Far Eastern Division, and Pastor Watts is serving as a general field secretary for the Japan Union.

—Lois May Watts



WEST INDONESIA

A Student's Experience

A CERTAIN young man attended evangelistic meetings at which he heard the Sabbath truth and the Bible teaching regarding flesh food. These thoughts, new to him, aroused questions in his mind, and he sought the counsel of the director of a Protestant seminary. This man only became nervous and could not help him. It was not until he talked with the Adventist preacher that he was able to reach a decision.

Then came the day of his baptism in the Airmona church. He says he will never forget that Sabbath and the special happiness it brought him.

He was appointed by the local education department as a teacher in a Protestant primary school. His parents were very grateful for this and invited the people responsible for giving him his work to dinner. Of course, they served pork, not knowing that he had been baptized and could not eat it.

How angry his father became on discovering that his son had become a Seventh-day Adventist. That evening after the guests had left, he was beaten and made to sleep at his uncle's house. During the night he had a dream of a man dressed in white who held up before him the words of Isaiah 52:11,12: "Touch no unclean thing. . . . Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." This was a great encouragement to him, and though for two months he was weak and had to rest, he had peace in his heart.

Later the Adventist pastor visited him again and told him about Nusa Tenggara Academy at Tarus on the island of Timor. This year, on January 12, he enrolled at the school—one of 68 students—and is now getting a Christian education. It is his desire to be instrumental in winning his parents and sharing the good news of Jesus' soon coming with others in this country.

—R. S. Wewengkang, Principal,
Nusa Tenggara Academy



QUARTET. Members of the Jakarta Voice of Prophecy quartet are Kasiman Nainggolan, first tenor; Hans Mamahit, second tenor; Sugiatno Marlaatmaja, baritone; and William Hutapea, bass.

V.O.P. Quartet Invited by V.I.P.'s

THE last few days of the old year proved to be a busy time for the Jakarta Voice of Prophecy Quartet. During the holiday season they received a dozen invitations to sing for various groups, including receptions held by government ministers and men of state. At these receptions they sang a total of 59 numbers, or nearly five songs for each invitation.

Among those extending an invitation to the quartet was General Panggabean, minister of national security and defense. After one of the numbers during the Christmas Eve party, he expressed his appreciation by saying, "I have listened to your singing on television several times and have found real joy in your singing. You can be sure we will be inviting you again, my good friends."

During his Christmas speech at another reception, Dr. Frans Seda, minister of communications, commented, "The Voice of Prophecy Quartet sings so well because their voices blend nicely. But that is not the only reason we are impressed by their singing. They have a message in their songs, and they are sharing that message with their listeners. This is what makes them different from other singers."

Members of the quartet count it a real privilege to share their faith in this way and are glad for this opportunity to represent Seventh-day Adventists in Indonesia. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless their singing.

—A. M. Bartlett



CENTRAL PHILIPPINES

East Visaya Reports 1,000 Baptisms

THE East Visayan Mission went beyond its goal of 500 baptisms and reported a total of 1,056 for 1972, which was three times the number of those baptized the year before. It was the first time in the history of the Central Philippine Union that a local mission broke through the "1,000 barrier" in baptisms. This is a cause for special rejoicing and thanksgiving to God.

During the workers' meeting at the beginning of 1973, spiritual emphasis was given through a half day's study of the booklet, "Preparation for the Latter Rain," interspersed with seasons of prayer and climaxed by a communion service. The workers gladly accepted the challenge of baptizing 1,200 souls during 1973 and determined also to reach their Ingathering goal once more. It was reported that during 1972 five new churches and companies had been formed as a result of minister-laymen involvement.

—L. E. Montana, President,
East Visayan Mission



SOUTH CHINA ISLAND

News Items from South China

* **W**ITH most TV programs in Taiwan now in color and increasing numbers of people buying color TV sets, the South China Island Union has this year taken another step Forward in Faith and is releasing its bimonthly live show in color. The latest broadcast, "Meat Eating vs. Vegetarianism," has received the largest response yet from viewers. More than 5,300 letters have already come in.

* Pastor Larry Colburn, West Indonesia Union publishing secretary, has been appointed the new South China Island Union secretary. He will return to Taiwan where he previously worked for seven years in the publishing department to take up his new assignment as union secretary in May.

—Mrs. Paulene Barnett

Ground-Breaking Ceremony for Taiwan Adventist Hospital Chapel

DR. Ley Fa-tsang, advisor and secretary to President Chiang Kai Shek, was the honorable guest speaker at the ground-breaking ceremony for the Taiwan Adventist Hospital Chapel. The three-story chapel, which is planned to have a seating capacity of 550, will be constructed just back of the hospital on one of Taipei's wide boulevards.

Dr. Ley expressed his pleasure in attending the ceremony and also the opportunity to extend his thanks for the contribution the hospital has made to the city of Taipei. He also expressed his personal appreciation for the hospital, since his first grandson



CEREMONY. Dr. Ley Fa-tsang, presidential advisor, speaks at the ground-breaking ceremony for the Taiwan Adventist Hospital Chapel. Pastor Calvin Teng translates. The architect's drawing of the building is at the right.

was born there and his Episcopal church bishop has periodically received good medical help from the institution.

Dr. Ley classified the work of missionaries into three categories—evangelical, educational and medical—and commended Taiwan Adventist Hospital on having done all three. Commenting on South China Island Union Treasurer D. F. Gilbert's brief history of the hospital and Medical Director Dr. W. L. Van Arsdale's remarks on the purpose of the chapel, Dr. Ley said, "I conclude that the main purpose of this chapel is to glorify God."

Picking up the first shovel, Dr. Ley led in the sod-breaking ceremony with participants: Dr. W. L. Van Arsdale; Dr. W. Tym, dentist; D. M. Barnett, president of the South China Island Union and chairman of the hospital board; Pastor Samuel Tsai, church pastor and chairman of the program; and Pastor M. Y. Hsiao, departmental secretary of South China Island Union.

The ceremony concluded in typical Chinese style with explosions and smoke screen from a long string of firecrackers to mark the important event.

—Mrs. Paulene Barnett



SOUTHEAST ASIA



Ordination

Pastor Jonathan Foo was ordained to the gospel ministry in a service in his church early in March. In the picture, the mission president, Pastor Clyde R. Bradley, congratulates him after the service. Those shown, left to right, are: Pastor R. I. Gainer, Southeast Asia Union treasurer; Pastor Bradley; Pastor and Mrs. Foo; Pastor Pham Truong Thanh, Saigon Adventist Hospital chaplain; and Pastor R. S. Watts, Southeast Asia Union president.



BAKERY. Girls from the Ayer Manis School display their freshly baked bread.

Ayer Manis Has Small Bakery

AFTER much discussion and planning, Ayer Manis experimented with a bakery, trying to follow the footsteps of Southeast Asia Union College. The purpose for such a project was threefold: to provide labor for needy students, cash income for the school, and bread for the cafeteria.

From September to November of last year, small batches of bread were baked three times a week and were sold to the staff, students, and cafeteria. The demand was so great that before the loaves were out of the oven, they were already promised. Requests came in from Sunny Hill School too, but we could not oblige because of the distance.

Despite the rise in price of flour this year, the cooking class is still continuing this project, but there is a real battle to wage. The cooking classroom windows have no louvers and thus gusts of wind may blow out the flame or decrease the heat in the ovens. Sometimes rats take over the business at night, as they can pass through the holes in the screen.

Our greatest need at this time is louvers, more ovens, and a mixing machine, for students' hands tire easily and kneading is a back-breaking process. In 1972 a maximum of 25 loaves were baked at one time, but at the beginning of this year, it is possible to produce a batch of 35 loaves. Even this is not the full potential of the bakery at Ayer Manis School.

—Gloria E. Keizer

Penang Adventist Hospital Receives Johns Hopkins Grant

AGIFT of more than M\$10,000 worth of equipment through Johns Hopkins University Hospital has been in use at the Penang Adventist Hospital for the past several months making possible outpatient sterilization of women patients requesting the procedure.

Late last September, Dr. John Levinson, gynecologist from Delaware, Maryland, arrived in Penang to instruct Dr. Effie Jean Ketting in the use and care of the equipment he brought with him.

More than 30 patients underwent the surgery during the four days Dr. Levinson spent with Dr. Ketting, most of them leaving the hospital to return to their homes an hour after the surgery.

The gift was the result of contacts made by Dr. Ketting at the 5th Asian Conference on Obstetrics and Gynecology held in Jakarta. It is interesting to note that use is not restricted to sterilizations. The equipment is also used for investigation of infertility problems, intra-abdominal diagnosis, and biopsying, greatly simplifying investigational procedures for both patient and physician.

Because no hospitalization is required, the price to the patient is much less than for the standard surgical procedures. Dr. Ketting adds that she and the hospital also stand ready to perform the procedure on a charity basis whenever the need is indicated.

Sabbath Exams Rescheduled

IN Thailand every student completing the tenth grade must take his final examinations from the government. This year those finals were given on February 22, 23, 26, and 27 in all five provinces of southern Thailand. And thereby hangs a tale!

We knew that the dates for these examinations were set by the heads of the department of education over these provinces. Seldom has there been a Sabbath problem in our area of Thailand; nevertheless, months ago we talked to the assistant educational superintendent for our district, and then as the date for the decision was approaching, we mentioned it to him again and was assured that there would be no cause for concern.

However, at a New Year's party, the principal of our school in Haad Yai discovered that the examination dates did include Sabbath, February 24. Since the decision had been reached, there was nothing that could be done, she was told.

The next day our principal talked with our school board members, who decided to call upon the educational superintendent for the province in the capital of Songkhla, about 20 miles away. He was interested. One of the questions he asked was, "Are all these students in the tenth grade members of your church?" We were glad that the answer was "Yes."

The atmosphere was cordial, and we discovered that this educational superintendent was the head of the committee making the decision for examination dates in all five provinces. He left the room briefly, and when he returned announced, "We will change the dates so that they will not fall on Saturday."

So, for eight Seventh-day Adventist students the examination dates were changed for all of the schools in the five provinces of southern Thailand. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude as we see this evidence of God's concern for our school.

—From a letter by Marcia Van Arsdell



NORTH PHILIPPINES

Life and Happiness Crusade Conducted

MORE than 800 people attended opening night of the Life and Happiness Crusade at the Manila Center in Quezon City. These meetings conducted by P.U.C.'s graduate school of public health is continuing three nights weekly from February 10 to April 7.

Our members in the Manila area bring neighbors and friends with them to the meetings. People from all walks of life attended.

They were drawn by the unique blending of our health and gospel message. It became real community service as individuals were examined, tested physically in various ways, and then given an exercise program. Marietta Deming, in charge of health education for the union, directed this physical fitness program.

Pastor W. O. Comm, who has a master's degree in public health, covered such subjects as alcoholism, smoking, hygiene, physiology, nutrition, and other vital topics related to health. Spiritual messages were given by Pastor J. P. Acosta. The program was coordinated by Pastor C. A. Galang, and with him were P.U.C. students who are working on their master's degrees in public health.

Nursing students of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, as well as other young people in the Manila area, furnished special numbers. God greatly blessed this Life and Happiness Crusade.

—Archie P. Tupas



Wallenkampf Joins Faculty

On January 24, Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Wallenkampf arrived at Philippine Union College, where Dr. Wallenkampf will be the coordinator of the church history department of the Theological Seminary.

Not many men receive three calls to the same institution, but Dr. Wallenkampf was called to P.U.C. more than twenty years ago and then again a few years later. He was unable to come the first two times, but we are very pleased that he has now arrived on our campus and know that he will be a strength to our growing Seminary program.



SOUTH PHILIPPINES

M.V.C. Nursing Graduates Pass Government Examinations

ALL ten nurses of Mountain View College Class of '72 passed their board examinations given June 5 to 9 last year. This group, which pursued its clinical work at the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital, holds the distinction of being the first to graduate from the Mountain View College School of Nursing and at the same time set a record with all its members passing the government examinations. Their names, released last October in the **Philippine Daily Express News**, were: Rebecca Acebedo, Andrea Aguirre, Emina Dizon, Fe Espiritu, Joy Festijo, Enriqueta Morales, Rachel Pepito, Redemption Rada, Pelvina Rapacon, and Ellen Montebon-Zamora.

Of the ten, five are connected presently with the Mindanao Sanitarium and Hospital. Joy Festijo and Rebecca Acebedo are with the Miller Sanitarium and Hospital in Cebu City. Bacolod Sanitarium and Hospital and Mountain View College have one each of the nurses, Andrea Aguirre and Ellen Zamora respectively. Fe Espiritu was sent by the M.V.C. School of Nursing to take up graduate work at the University of the Philippines.

—R. A. Tabingo, P.R.O.,
M.V.C. School of Nursing

Sabbath School and Lay Activities Seminars Held in Western Mindanao

WESTERN Mindanao Mission was the first mission to hold Sabbath School and lay activities seminars in 1973, conducted by Pastor A. A. Villarin and Mrs. C. C. Llaguno of the South Philippine Union. With them were Pastors C. S. Rosco, C. D. Artigas, Jr., R. B. Domingo, and Mrs. D. P. Ancheta of the Western Mindanao Mission. Meetings were held in the Clarin church, Misamis Occidental, from January 3 to 6.

Delegates from all the churches of the three neighboring provinces of Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental and Zamboanga del Sur were in attendance. During the seminar, their physical needs were cared for by the Dorcas society of the Clarin church, under the able leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Joel Mintalar.

The meetings were concluded by a baptism of seven and a graduation of 80 candidates who had successfully completed Sabbath School and lay activities training courses.

—C. D. Artigas, Jr., P.R.O.,
Western Mindanao Mission